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REMARKS

The claims in this application have been made subject to a restriction requirement pursuant to a phone conferences between Applicants' representative and Examiner Madsen on June 2, 2003 and June 4, 2003. Applicants hereby confirm the election without traverse of claims in Group I (claims 1-11, 14-31, and 33-34) for prosecution at this time. Claims in Group II (claim 12) and Group III (claim 13) are hereby withdrawn from further consideration. Claim 32 (Group IV) has been cancelled.

Newly added claim 35 is a replacement for cancelled claim 32, and is dependent on claim 30 in Group I. Applicant respectfully requests that claim 35 be examined with the elected claims of Group I. Support for this new claim is found in the specification on page 6, lines 19-28 and in original claim 32. This amendment does not add new matter.

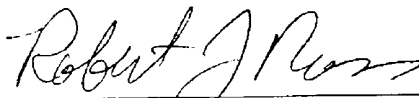
Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to correct obvious clerical errors and informalities therein. In particular, the amendment to claim 10 adds the word "lid" between the words "package" and "elements" and deletes the word "lid" after "comprising" to clarify the meaning of the claim. The amendment to claim 11 adds the word "lid" between the words "package" and "elements" to provide the proper antecedent basis for the phrase "said package lid element of said food package" at the end of the claim. These amendments do not add new matter, and are supported by the specification on pages 5 through 7 and in FIGURES 1-6, 10 and 12 in the drawings.

An early action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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